

# Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

## Summary AFC Minutes February 19, 2004

**Meeting Time 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:**  
**Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room**  
**SPU Operations Control Center**  
**2700 Airport Way South**  
**Seattle, WA**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Bruce Bachen (SPU), Frank Urabeck (Trout Unlimited), Sam Wright (WA Trout), Steve Foley (WDFW), Dennis Moore (MIT) Hans Berge (KC), Tim Romanski (USFWS) Bill McKay, Chuck Wischman (PSA), Phyllis Meyers (NMFS), Michael Kern (LLTK)

**Other Participants:** Brodie Antipa, Joan Thomas, Chuck Johnson (WDFW), Cyndy Holtz and Paul Faulds (SPU)

### **I) Call to order**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM*

### **II) Approval of agenda**

*Members unanimously approved the agenda.*

### **III) Meeting minutes review and approval from January 29, 2004**

*The AFC unanimously approved the meeting minutes from January 29, 2004 following some minor changes.*

### **IV) Interim mitigation program for coho, chinook and steelhead**

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#### ***Final review of proposals for projects in 2004.***

*Bruce provided members with an overview of the interim program and a handout that listed the proposals that were reviewed in the January 29, 2004 meeting. The total cost for the proposals was greater than the annual HCP commitment and was greater than the amount SPU budgeted for in 2004 (\$108,000). He noted that within the SPU budget process there might be an opportunity to provide some additional funds in 2004 by bringing forward a carry over of unspent funds from previous years. The AFC unanimously decided on a recommended list of activities with and without additional funding for 2004. The list included improvements to the fish passage facilities, support for rainbow/steelhead genetics evaluation and for support of recolonization research to document changes resulting from fish passage at Landsburg.*

#### ***Update on PIT Tag reader at the Locks***

*Bruce provided members with a brief update on the Adult PIT Tag Reader at the Lock, indicating that the project was moving ahead with the expectation that the equipment would be installed and operational in time for this year's return.*

## **V) Sockeye monitoring and research**

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### ***Further discussion of sockeye monitoring priorities for 2004***

*Bruce asked members if they had feedback on the program. Steve said the comanagers had developed a list that identifies research needs in the basin. The highest-ranking item by the comanagers is improving the escapement estimates. So far, it looks like the numbers at the locks provide the best estimate.*

### ***Update on Sockeye Movement and Distributions Study 2004***

*Frank asked for Steve for conformation that tag recoveries, and otolith collection and reading would be covered under the \$120,000 requested by the comanagers for the Lake Washington sockeye fishery in 2004. Steve answered yes.*

### ***Proposal for Lake Washington Pelagic Fish Assessment Survey Spring-Autumn 2004. Funding for this work in previous years has been taken from the zooplankton funding provided in the HCP (since others are doing zooplankton monitoring).***

*Bruce introduced Dave Beauchamp's proposal. He pointed out the project costs are higher than expected because King County cut back its funding this year. Bruce asked members if they felt it was important to continue this work. He explained that the juvenile surveys had been done with HCP funding intended for zooplankton surveys.*

## **VI) Fish Passage at Landsburg**

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### ***Follow up on discussion of the passage of fin-clipped chinook at Landsburg***

*Bruce noted there has been further discussion about passing fin-clipped chinook above Landsburg. He stated the Landsburg Mitigation Agreement states all native species will be passed. The City believes that under the agreement, all chinook must be passed and that this interpretation is consistent with the guidance provided by the resource agencies. Further AFC involvement would need to be tied to a request from the agencies.*

## **VII) Sockeye Hatchery**

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### ***Update on program development, design review, SEIS***

*Bruce described some of the discussions with Barry Gold on the AMP. Barry Gold led the adaptive management process with the Glenn Canyon Dam Project and is widely viewed as an expert in adaptive management. He felt the consultation had been helpful and presented an alternate framework for scientific input. . He noted that resolving the appeal to the FEIS has delayed AMP development and the hatchery design. SPU was wrapping up the 60% design review and was including some of the recommendations from the value engineering study.*

## **VIII) Public comment**

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*None*

## **IX) Information and discussion Items**

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### ***Status report on Cedar River Hatchery – Brodie Antipa***

*Brodie stated the interim hatchery has released about 2.5 million fry. He reported growth rates in the rearing study are good.*

### ***AFC meeting schedule for 2004***

*Paul provided members with the 2004 AFC meeting schedule.*

**X) Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.*

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